

Commercial Fishing Vessel Safety Exam Checklist

State Registered Vessels < 26', within Coastal Waters

Vessel Name:		Number:	
BRIDGE & DOCUMENTS			
33 CFR 173 46 CFR 67	Registration/Documents/Markings: Original registration on board and valid; vessel number both sides, forward part of hull, 3" block letters, contrasting color.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.165	Injury Placard: Required on all vessels.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Navigation Lights: During darkness and/or in or near areas of restricted visibility Side Lights (112.5°), all around white light or Mast Head Light (225°) & Stern Light (135°). Fishing Lights: In a vertical line, one meter apart. Red over White (360°) all other than trawling; Green over White (360°) when trawling.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Dayshapes: Two black cones, apex to apex (not required on trollers).	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 USC 1602 33 USC 2020 72 COLREGS	Sound Producing Devices: Vessels < 12m (39.4'): Some means of making an efficient sound signal.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
LIFESAVING			
46 CFR 28.145 46 CFR 28.140	Visual Distress Signals: Any 3 CG-approved VDS.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.110 46 CFR 28.135 46 CFR 28.140	Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs): One Type I, II, III, V or immersion suit for each person on board. Need PFD light if beyond Boundary Line; PFD marked w/name of vessel/wearer & retroreflective tape (31 sq. in.) front & back, properly maintained & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.115 46 CFR 28.135	Ring Life Buoys: If < 16', none required; 16' to < 26', one cushion (Type IV PFD) or ring life buoy. Ring life buoy marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 60' of floating line & stowed readily accessible.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 28.120 46 CFR 28.125 46 CFR 28.130 46 CFR 28.140	Survival Craft: None required if < 4 persons on board; if ≥ 4 persons on board, none required for warm water operations; for cold water operations, buoyant apparatus required; buoyant apparatus marked w/vessel name/number, four strips of retroreflective tape, 100' painter & electric light.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
ENGINE ROOM/MISCELLANEOUS			
46 CFR 28.155 46 CFR 28.160 46 CFR 25.30	Portable Fire Extinguishing Equipment: Required one B-I fire extinguisher on board; USCG, UL or FM approved; mounted in approved bracket; in good condition; must have pressure gauge or inspection record.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 25.35	Flame Arrestor: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
46 CFR 25.40	Ventilation: If using gasoline as fuel only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 159.7	Marine Sanitation Device: Type I, II or III; required only if there is an installed toilet on board; any Type III must be equipped to discharge ashore only.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	
33 CFR 155.330	Non-Oceangoing Vessels Able To: Retain oily mix on board & discharge to a facility.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	

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